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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner Lockett:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2005. Applicant hereby amends, as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1. (currently amended) A stringed musical instrument comprising:
  - a hollow body having a soundboard and soundhole;
  - a neck mounted to said hollow body;
  - one or more strings stretched over said hollow body and said neck;
  - said neck having upper string anchoring means and means for an upper contact point with the string;
  - a bridge body secured on the top of said hollow body soundboard and having thereon a saddle for providing a lower contact point with the string; and